

IN THE
UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Osamu TAKAGI et al.

PATENT NO.: 6,524,140

CASE: 200380-0313

SERIAL NO.: 09/880,608

FILED ON: June 13, 2001



) Examiner: J. Duverne

) Group Art Unit: 2839

) STATEMENT BY
) ASSIGNEES

FOR: Connector Excellent in Reliability of Contact

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ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE

Japan Aviation Electronics Industry, Limited ("JAE"), having an address at 21-2, Dogenzaka 1-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan, is presently listed as the owner of the entire worldwide right title and interest in and to the invention known as:

CONNECTOR EXCELLENT IN RELIABILITY OF CONTACT

(Application No. 09/880,608, file June 13, 2001) by virtue of an assignment recorded on June 13, 2001 on Reel 011917, Frame 0213.

(1) The invention should have also been assigned, as joint owner of all such rights, to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. ("MEI"), having an address at 1006 Kadoma, Kadoma City, Osaka 571-8501, Japan.

(2) The error in not naming MEI as a joint owner and assignee occurred without deceptive intent.

(3) Both JAE and MEI assent to a correction of the record to show:

(a) the six correct joint inventors:

Osamu TAKAGI
Kazumi TAKISHIMA
Yoshifumi KUBOTA
Yasufumi HAYASHI
Keigo MATSUURA
Eiji SAITOH

(b) the joint ownership and assignment to JAE and MEI, as set forth by an accompanying Petition, and

(c) the request for a correction.

(4) Each of the persons signing this document on behalf of JAE and MEI, respectively, states that he has the authority to so sign on behalf of the respective owner and assignee companies.

JAPAN AVIATION ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, LIMITED

Feb. 25, 2003

Date

By: Masao Asakura

Masao Asakura

Title: Senior Vice President

MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.

March 4, 2003

Date

By: Isamu Shimura

Isamu Shimura

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STATEMENT OF THE JOINT INVENTORS

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- (1) When filed, the Application No. 09/880,608 names the four inventors:

Osamu TAKAGI
Kazumi TAKISHIMA
Yoshifumi KUBOTA
Yasufumi HAYASHI

all of whom are employees of Japan Aviation Electronics Industry, Limited ("JAE") of 21-2, Dogenzaka 1-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

- (2) The following two inventors were inadvertently omitted from being listed in the application as joint inventors:

Keigo MATSUURA
Eiji SAITOH

both of whom are employees of Matsushita Communication Industrial Co., Ltd. ("MCI") (which has changed its name into Panasonic Mobile Communications Co., Ltd. as of January 1, 2003) of 4-3-1, Tsunashima-higashi, Kohoku-ku, Yokohama 223-8639, Japan, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. ("MEI") of 1006 Kadoma, Kadoma City, Osaka 571-8501, Japan.

- (3) The invention was a result of a joint effort between these six inventors.

- (4) All six of us, the above-named inventors, have read and understand the allowed claims and agree that we are joint inventors of the claimed invention.

- (5) The error occurred without deceptive intent.

DECLARATION

Each of the six of us hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Inventor's signature:

Feb. 25, 2003

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First Named Inventor

Osamu Takagi

COMPLETE IF KNOWN**Application Number**

09 / 880,608

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Examiner Name

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Connector Excellent in Reliability of Contact

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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is attached hereto

OR

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was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)

06/13/2001

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Application Number

09/880,608

and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)

(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
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
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NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR :			<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor		
Given Name Osamu (first and middle [if any])			Family Name Takagi or Surname		
Inventor's Signature <i>Osamu Takagi</i>				Date Feb. 25, 2003	
Residence: City Oume-shi, Tokyo		State		Country Japan Citizenship Japanese	
Mailing Address c/o JAE Engineering, Ltd., 1-1, Musashino 3-chome					
City Akishima-shi, Tokyo		State		ZIP Japan Country	
NAME OF SECOND INVENTOR:			<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor		
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Inventor's Signature <i>Kazumi Takishima</i>				Date Feb. 25, 2003	
Residence: City Tachikawa-shi, Tokyo		State		Country Japan Citizenship Japanese	
Mailing Address c/o Japan Aviation Electronics Industry, Limited, 21-2, Dogenzaka 1-chome, Shibuya-ku					
City Tokyo		State		ZIP Japan Country	
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Yasufumi		Hayashi	
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ASSIGNMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the following inventor or inventors (hereinafter called "ASSIGNOR")

Keigo Matsuura, 2-17-1105, Wakabadai, Asahi-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, Japan; and

Eiji Saitoh, 1249-36, Shinohara-cho, Kouhoku-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, Japan

hereby assigns, transfers and sets over to:

**Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
1006 Kadoma, Kadoma City, Osaka 571-8501, Japan**

(hereinafter called "ASSIGNEE"), the entire worldwide right, title and interest in and to the invention known as:

Connector Excellent in Reliability of Contact

for which a United States Patent Application **Serial No. 09/880,608** filed 6-13-2001 was executed on 6-6-2001 and all rights and privileges under any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including all rights, if any, throughout the entire world to sue for all past infringements which may have occurred before the execution of this assignment.

(1) The ASSIGNOR agrees without charge to said ASSIGNEE but at its expense (a) to execute (i) all necessary papers to be used in connection with this application and any additional, continuing, or divisional applications, as the ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or expedient, (ii) all papers in connection with any interference or other legal or quasi-legal proceedings relating to this application or any additional, continuing, or divisional application thereof, (iii) all papers and documents which may be necessary in connection with the preparation and filing of any foreign applications or with making claims to priority rights granted under the provisions of the International Convention for Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements; (b) to cooperate with ASSIGNEE in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward in any such proceedings; and (c) to perform all other affirmative acts which may be necessary or desirable to obtain a grant of a valid patent for said invention in any country throughout the world.

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(3) ASSIGNOR hereby covenants and warrants that he has full right to convey the entire right, title and interest by this instrument, free of any encumbrances and that no other agreement has been or will be executed in conflict herewith.

(4) ASSIGNOR hereby grants to the law firm of MICHAEL BEST & FRIEDRICH LLC. of Chicago, Illinois, authority and power to insert on this instrument any further identification which may be necessary or desirable for purposes of recordation in the United States Patent and Trademark Office or a Patent Office of any foreign country.

Date: March 4, 2003

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